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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen McGrane Barry passed away on February 26, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barry was born on August 12, 1932, to Hugh and Winifred King McGrane in Far Rockaway, New York; and

WHEREAS, Hugh McGrane was born on January 18, 1901, to Patrick and Mary Rodgers McGrane in Mullatee, Carlingford, County Louth Ireland and immigrated to the United States in 1921; and

WHEREAS, Winifred King McGrane was born on October 14, 1899, to George and Ellen King in Loughborough, Leicester England and immigrated to the United States in 1903; and

WHEREAS, Hugh McGrane was a New York City policeman and he and his wife had six children and twenty grandchildren - Hugh (Rose), a Marine Corp. veteran and New York City policeman and his children, Hugh, John, Joanne, Maureen, Colleen, Marianne, Joseph, and Tom - George (Joan), a Marine Corp. veteran of the Korean War, teacher, coach, and far eastern scholar and his children, Kim and Kevin - John (Marian), a Marine Corp. veteran and attorney in New York and his children, John, Timothy, Matthew, Peter, Deirdre, and Shelia - Winifred and her children, Erin, Bridget, and Patrick and James McGrane; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen McGrane Barry graduated from St. Mary Star of the Sea in 1946 and Stella Maris High School in 1950; and

WHEREAS, She married Robert Barry on May 4, 1960; Robert was born on July 21, 1931, to Michael and Grace Varley Barry; and

1           WHEREAS, Robert and Mary Ellen McGrane Barry had one son,  
2 Robert, born on January 28, 1961; and

3           WHEREAS, Mary Ellen McGrane Barry and her husband lived in  
4 Ottawa for over 20 years, owning and operating Bel-Mill and  
5 Marseilles Liquor and Variety; and

6           WHEREAS, Upon the death of her husband on November 28,  
7 1987, Mary Ellen McGrane Barry moved to Arlington Heights and  
8 worked for sixteen years for the Clerk of the Circuit Court  
9 (Clerk's Office); and

10          WHEREAS, Mary Ellen McGrane Barry was a honest, hard  
11 working, and well-respected employee of the Clerk's office; and

12          WHEREAS, Mary Ellen McGrane was a devoted mother and loving  
13 grandmother; therefore, be it

14          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we offer our  
16 condolences to the family of Mary Ellen McGrane Barry,  
17 especially her grandchildren, Allison and Andrew Barry; and be  
18 it further

19          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest  
21 sympathy.